

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~A method of sharing data~~Data is shared over a network is ~~disclosed~~ which has a plurality of network connected terminals, each ~~comprising~~including memory ~~means~~ and ~~processing means~~a processor. ~~Said~~The memory ~~means~~ includes instruction (403) for managing object duplication, wherein in response to a ~~said~~ data requirement of a first of ~~said~~the network terminals, a second of ~~said~~the network terminals duplicates ~~(504)~~said ~~an~~the object at ~~said~~the first terminal. Data is accessed ~~(505)~~ is ~~said~~the using locally executed object instructions at ~~said~~ the first terminal. Data consistency is maintained ~~(506)~~between duplicated objects ~~(404, 405)~~. ~~Said~~said the duplicate objects ~~comprise~~include a duplicate master ~~(405)~~ and duplicates ~~(404)~~ and, performing a load balancing task or in the case of a network connectivity failure ~~(507)~~, the respective state thereof may be switched ~~(508)~~.

(Figure 5)